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October 20, 2011

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-1089X, *Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC—Petition for Exemption—Yalobusha and Calhoun Counties, MS*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for e-filing by the Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC (“MSV”) is a letter from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (“DMR”). In the letter, DMR states that based on the proposal as submitted, “there will be no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands, therefore the Department has no objections to the proposed abandonment.”

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC.

Enclosure



MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

October 4, 2011

Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: DMR-120114; Docket No. AB-1089X, Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC-
Petition for Exemption for abandonment of 21 miles of railroad track in Yalobusha and
Calhoun Counties

To whom it may concern:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request to review a proposed Petition for Exemption by the Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC to abandon 21 miles of railroad track located in Yalobusha and Calhoun County, Mississippi, running from Bruce Junction, Milepost 21.0 to Bruce Junction, Milepost 0.0, and to discontinue rail service over the Line. Based on the proposal as submitted, it appears that there will be no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands, therefore the Department has no objections to the proposed abandonment. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Lynn Moore with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at 228-523-4136 or lynn.moore@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Willa J. Brantley', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Willa J. Brantley
Bureau Director, Wetlands/Permitting

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cc: Melanie Yasbin, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer ✓